

## Area kindergarten students visit petting zoo in New Brockton

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Young children throughout Coffee County had an opportunity to learn a bit more about where their food comes from last week as they visited the 1999 Farm City Week Petting Zoo/Agricultural Exhibits at the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

Those attending the petting zoo included kindergartners from all the public schools in Coffee County and children from daycares and churches.

"We are real proud of the fact that all the public school kindergartners in Coffee County are able to attend," said Stan Windham, Coffee

County Extension Service agent. "Then we try and get as many more children as possible to visit our petting zoo."

Windham said the extension service has been offering this event for about nine years now, and it has really grown throughout the years.

"We originally began this because we wanted to show kids where their food comes from," he said. "Therefore, we try to have as many animals as possible here for them to see and learn about."

Windham said most children know what the animals are and the sounds they make, but they don't always realize that the hamburger they eat came from a cow.

"If they leave here and remember

a little bit of what we have told them, then it is all worth it," he said. Besides being a valuable education tool, Windham said the petting zoo is also a fun time for the children because they have an opportunity to see the various animals up close and even hold a few.

On Tuesday of last week, the kindergarten students of Elba Elementary School were among those making their way through the exhibits and seemed to be overtaken by the animals.

"They really enjoyed seeing all the animals," said Patricia Nicholson, one of the five EES kindergarten teachers. "Holding the baby chicks was probably the highlight of the event."

In the end, whether it is the fun or the education that has made the petting zoo such a success over the past nine years, Windham says he is just glad to be a part of something that means so much to the children of Coffee County.

"In nine years, we've grown to having around 10,000 kids visit us, and I hope it only continues to grow in the years to come," he said.



Lisa Smith's kindergarten class at Zion Chapel Elementary School visited the 1999 Farm City Week Petting Zoo/Agricultural Exhibits on Tuesday of last week. All the public school kindergartners in Coffee County visited the petting zoo last week.

## National Peanut Festival Pageant to be held Oct. 15 & 16

Guest Editorial:  
by Leslie Adonna Stinson  
Miss Elba

The Big Day is here. What seemed as if it would take forever

has somehow arrived before I could blink my eyes. Yes, The Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant is here. On Oct. 15 and 16, all the practicing and all the preparations will be put to work as 55 girls compete at the Dothan Civic Center for the title of "2000 Miss National Peanut Festival."

Being able to represent Elba at all the parades, tea parties, cook-outs,

practices and the Ann Varnum Show has filled me with a great sense of pride. When appearing on the Ann Varnum Show, she asked me a question I had no problem answering. She asked, "I know Elba has been through a lot as far as the loss of buildings and your school, how do you feel about representing them?"

"With all dignity and pride," I replied. "I am so honored to represent such a wonderful town. There is no other town in this world I would rather represent. I know they have struggled through a lot, and I am going to

represent them the best I can at the Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant."

To the people of Elba, I would like to invite you to the Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant, Friday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. to watch me, Leslie Adonna Stinson, your Miss Elba (contestant #2), compete for the title holder.

Support our youth!



Miss Elba  
Leslie Adonna Stinson

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## Health Dept. to hold flu shot clinic on Oct. 22 and Oct. 29

The Coffee County Health Dept., Enterprise, will hold a Flu Shot Clinic on Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Flu and Pneumonia shots will be available, and the cost is \$5 per shot or bring your Medicare Card. These are the only two days available for Flu shots to be given.

## Elba Lions Club to host benefit coon hunt on Oct. 16

The Elba Lions Club 4th annual Benefit Coon Hunt will be held Saturday, October 16, at 2 p.m. and includes a bench show and treeing contest. The Lions offer prizes, auctions and raffles, as well as the coon hunt. Funds are used in the Lions sight conservation programs and other worthwhile civic projects. It is held at the Elba American Legion Building on Highway 87 North.

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EXPLORING ALABAMA...Elba High School students and teachers learn about shipbuilding careers while touring Atlantic Marine, Inc. and Alabama Shipyard, Inc. in Mobile. The September trip was sponsored by MacArthur State Technical College through the Tech Prep Program.

## Attend the Church of Your Choice this Sunday!

## Backyard Products announces recall of trapeze swings on backyard gyms

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Backyard Products of Ontario, Canada, is recalling its 60,000 "Acrobatic Swings," sold with backyard gym sets in the U.S., for in-home repair. These trapeze swings have exposed bolts that cause serious lacerations to children.

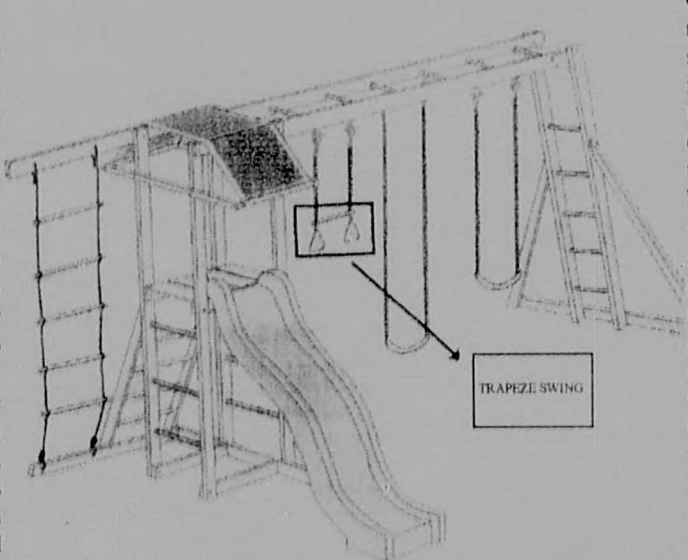
Backyard Products has received reports of six children suffering severe lacerations that required stitches to the arms from contact with the trapeze bolts. Injuries occurred when children dropped down from the overhead ladder, or fell or climbed onto the exposed bolts.

The recalled trapeze swings were sold with Backyard Escapes, Backyard Products and WOW Wooden Play Centers brand

gyms. Each gym set comes with various equipment, which can include an overhead ladder, slide, swings, or fort. The trapeze swing has a wooden bar and rings. The wooden bar is attached to the swing chains by a "U-bolt" bracket, whose bolts are too long and extend

upward above the nuts. Department, toy, discount, lumber and hardware stores nationwide, including Toys "R" Us, Service Merchandise, Costco and Sears, sold the gyms with trapeze swings from December 1998 through July 1999 for between \$250 to \$450.

Consumers should remove the trapeze swings from the gyms immediately and call Backyard Products at (888) 446-0750 anytime to order a free repair kit. The repair kit will include new hardware and instructions for re-attaching the trapeze swing to the gym. Consumers also can write to the company at 530 Third St., Collingwood, Ontario Canada L9Y 4X6. Trapeze sets that are attached by a rope-type assembly are not included.



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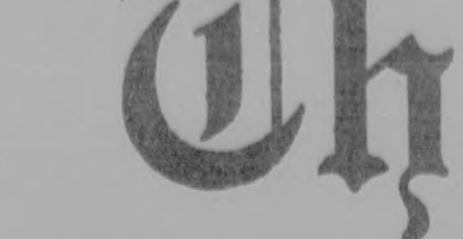
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## JPO receives clean audit report

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A recent audit of the Coffee County Juvenile Probation Office revealed that everything was in order and received good marks from the Alabama Department of Public Accounts.

The audit for the period of August 1998 through July 1999 was a follow-up to the previous audit performed in October 1998 for the period of January 1995 through July 1998. That audit revealed a net shortage in deposits of \$1,550.96.

In the formal audit report for 1998-99, it was noted that manual receipt books were missing from the Enterprise office, invoices were not paid in a timely manner, sloppy record keeping on vehicle usage and maintenance, there was no consistent method of reimbursement on cell phone usage whether for personal or business reasons and in some instances, travel expenses were improperly charged.

Since that audit, Gary Watson has been named Chief Probation Officer and was given the responsibility of instituting changes in record maintenance recommended by state auditors.

District Judge Steve Blair, who is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the JPO, commended Watson and other staff members for a job well done.

Gary and his staff did a wonderful job in implementing the recommendations and were excellent in assuring the accuracy in documenting the accounting and expenditures of the office," said Judge Blair.

It is the responsibility of the Chief Probation Officer to see that accurate records of the receipt of funds and their disbursements are properly maintained by the JPO staff. Watson noted that all expenditures of the office have to be

approved jointly by himself and Judge Blair.

"This is part of the checks and balances of the bookkeeping system now in place," said Watson. "It also allows us to see how the funds are being spent."

The JPO is funded jointly by the state and county and a \$3 per case charge on all juvenile cases handled by the officers. There are three officers - Watson and two others - in Coffee County whose salaries are paid on a 50/50 basis by the state and county.

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Judge Steven Blair

Not only were both Blair and Watson elated with the clean bill of health, but they were proud of the accomplishments during the past year. There have been several capital improvements made to the offices since moving into the new Enterprise Courthouse.

Good bookkeeping and fund management has allowed the expenditure of almost \$17,000 for office furniture, a television and VCR (audio-visual aids) for the conference room, newer computers, and a copy machine. Additional purchases - new fax machine and an additional computer - are in the works according to Watson.

Judge Blair noted that not only has the good record keeping added a higher degree of professionalism to the office, but the physical surroundings have been a plus too.

An annual audit has been requested by Judge Blair and he said, "I intend to provide the media with a copy of each audit report."

"We now have and intend to keep an open line of communication with state auditors," said Watson. "Their suggestions have been very helpful in preventing problems now and in the future, and we will continue to call upon their expertise."

Watson pointed out that all records of expenditures of the Juvenile Probation Fund were accounted for and available for this audit. There was no disparity between receipts and deposits. All monies were accounted for.

He also noted that all invoices received by the office were paid in a timely fashion and the Juvenile Probation Fund has maintained a positive balance.

Both Judge Blair and Watson commented that department vehicles' expenses and maintenance records are in much better order as are cellular phone usage and travel expense records.

"We have taken steps to ensure that nothing like that will ever happen again - at least in this office," said Blair.

As a result of last October's audit, Eva McGrath, chief juvenile probation officer at the time, was demoted to a juvenile probation officer and later terminated from that position.

Officials neither confirmed nor denied that McGrath's demotion and later termination was connected to the audit report. She has since filed a wrongful termination lawsuit against Coffee County.

The county's attorney has asked for a declaratory judgment from the courts as to whether or not it can be held liable for McGrath's termination. The District Judge oversees the Juvenile Probation Office and he hires, fires and supervises juvenile probation officers. The case has been assigned to a judge outside the 12th Judicial Circuit, and no ruling has been made as yet.



TRACTOR-TRAILER MISHAP KILLS ONE...A one-vehicle wreck on AL Hwy. 134 in the Ino Community took the life of the driver and lone occupant. The accident occurred early last Friday morning. Killed was Joseph Mark Roberts, 36, of Semmes, Ala. Roberts was the driver of a tractor-trailer loaded with steel pipe bound for Utility Trailers in Enterprise. The load had departed O'Neal Steel located in Mobile, Ala. According to a witness, the mishap occurred at approximately 6:10 a.m. about two miles west of the AL Hwy. 87 and AL Hwy. 134 intersection in South Coffee County.

The vehicle apparently left the roadway and overturned with the driver being pinned in the cab of the tractor. Several pieces of the steel broke free but most of the load stayed in tact. It took only a short time for the driver to be removed from the wreck after heavy duty wreckers arrived on the scene; however, it was several hours before the tractor-trailer was up righted and removed from the scene. Roberts was pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner Marvin McLwain.

The body was taken from the scene of the accident by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences to Dothan where an autopsy was performed to determine the cause of death. Assisting Alabama State Trooper J. R. Ward at the scene of the accident were units from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Opp Rescue, Coffee County EMS, Ino, Goodman and Elba Fire Departments.

Joining the Troopers in their investigation were the District Attorney's Office and Alabama Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Division.

## School Board warned of pending shortage of local operating funds

The regular meeting of the Elba City Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 7th in the office of the superintendent.

The first order of business was approving monthly bills and a review of the current financial statement.

Superintendent Charles Pearce told board members the school system was ending the year slightly above income projections, but not enough to cover increased cost in the new year. One item of additional expense he pointed out is \$47,000 extra cost for locally funded teacher units.

On the two days added to teacher contracts by the Alabama Legislature, Pearce noted that even though these teacher units were paid completely with local funds, they are automatically included in pay raises, benefit increases or the added two days on their contract.

Local school tax income for the coming year is expected to increase, as long as the national economy remains in high gear and there are no major local industrial layoffs.

In spite of the positive position of the financial statement, Pearce told board members to be prepared to borrow up to \$75,000 of short term operating funds while waiting for state education funds to be distributed.

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Harold Berry, Frank Reeves, Jerome Baxley, Frank Phillips and Lamar Wilson.

In an extended budget discussion, Pearce told board members that in spite of increased local property taxes and sales taxes during recent years, the schools will soon be facing a need for new funding sources.

He explained that in 1991 the local system had 13.5 local funded teacher units and that is down to 9.7 now. However, these 9.7 teacher units cost the school system more than the 13.5 did in 1991. Pearce said he didn't expect that trend to change or even slow down in the foreseeable future. "If we want to maintain our superior school system, we are going to need an increase of local funding and sooner than later," Pearce told a very quite board.

Board members were briefed on plans for the "Discover Your Schools" statewide Parenting Day open house which was held on Monday, October 11th. Parents across the State of Alabama were encouraged to go into the schools, talk with the teachers and find out what their children are actually

doing in the classroom. Those in the transportation department who were honored during this special week were Wesley D. Vane, Ronnie J. Bright, L. C. Cook, Doris Mallory, Mavis Burch, Sue Boggan.

**Area Happenings**

**AREA FOOTBALL GAMES.** Area high school football games scheduled for Friday night are as follows: Elba High School travels to Andalusia; Zion Chapel is at home against cross-county rival Kinston; New Brockton is on the road against Geneva County; and Brantley plays host to St. James. All games kick off at 7:30 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, October 25, 1999, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

**BLOOD DRIVE.** The American Red Cross and Dorsey Trailers in Elba will sponsor a Blood Drive on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 12 Noon until 5 p.m. The Red Cross Bus will be parked at Dorsey's during this time, and all donations will be greatly appreciated. All blood types are needed, especially O negative and O positive. The Red Cross asks that you take 45 minutes to an hour on Oct. 28 and go to Dorsey Trailers, Inc. to give the gift of life.

**EHS HOMECOMING PARADE ENTRIES.** Anyone wishing to have an entry in the Elba High School Homecoming Parade should register with the high school office by calling 897-2266. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, Oct. 27. The parade will be Friday, Oct. 29, at 3 p.m. from the old school location.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

First, let us issue a plea to our hunter friends. Please be careful with those firearms. Remember that the purpose of them is to kill. The accidental shooting of the 14 year old boy in Covington County is the first case we know of this year of hunters getting shot themselves. That young man is lucky in that he will live . . . thanks to modern medical miracles. However, his life will be forever changed and changed dramatically. In time the other physical scars may be repaired, but he will forever carry reminders of that day.

A number of people have asked our opinion of the lottery vote. Well, it is simple . . . the people have spoken and the position of the people is accepted in this corner. Never, never did we have an strong emotional position on this matter and now consider it is time to move on with our lives.

As a follow up on the lottery issue, we strongly oppose the proposal to add \$52 to every person's income tax bill and have weekly drawings for \$1,000 and use the balance to fund the scholarships and pre-school programs. At least the lottery proposal gave individuals the option of participating, or not participating, in the gambling program. This latest proposal by at least one state senator requires all of us to participate and then \$2 of us would get back \$1,000 as a reward. Not this time buddy!

Some of the thoughts which have been running through our mind since the lottery vote have apparently been vocalized when groups of ministers gather. Now that the lottery is dead and the churches had an obviously large part in that decision, they are asking each other just what is their next move? It is easy to be against anything, as we all know, but they are ready to step forward with leadership in solving the many social problems facing America and the world. Of course we would like to see an alternate way to fund the college scholarships, but there are lots of other problems society must face also. What we don't want to see is a repeat of what happened on the national level several years ago, following national election when religious groups stood up to be counted and were successful. Members of some of these so called religious groups began to act like they thought they could walk on water simply because of their self proclamation! That sort of attitude served to hurt the Christian movement then and it would do the same today.

Hopefully the members of the Alabama Legislature has gotten the message from the people on establishing a retirement program for elected officials. They have disguised this issue about every way possible and it still fails to get pass the sharp eyes of the voters. After being rejected as many as five times by the people, one would think that reasonably intelligent people would finally be getting the message.

There is a meeting next Monday evening, October 25th, at Elba City Hall dealing with a proposed new post office. The public is invited to attend this 6:00 p.m. meeting, but don't go thinking you or I will get more than a pat on the head and a "good boy." More than likely if postal officials get a suggestion they don't like, it will be passed off as "against current regulations." Those words may sound too harsh, but what we are trying to write is that this 800 pound monkey is going to sit pretty much where he wants to sit. As long as we local citizens understand that and work within their guidelines, the post office people will listen and some of your suggestions might make a difference.

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The Board of Directors of the National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$.21 per share at its meeting on Oct. 14. This represents an annual indicated rate of \$.84 per share. This increase in dividends marks the twenty-second consecutive year that the company has increased its cash dividends and expresses the optimism that the board has for the company's continued success. This cash dividend is payable on Nov. 30 to shareholders of record Nov. 1, 1999.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 11, 1999, investigated the following incidents: three criminal mischiefs, one forgery, four thefts of property, one dog bite, three assaults, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one criminal trespass, one VPL, two harassments, one shop lifting, one child abuse, one public intoxication, one disorderly conduct, one breaking and entering of a vehicle, and one domestic dispute.

The following arrests were made: one for assault, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for VPL, one for failure to pay, one for contempt of court, and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, three for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for no driver's license, and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11** - River stage - 3:50 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (9:59 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence in the Friendship Community (2:25 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Jackson Avenue (4:57 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12** - River stage - 4:46 feet (6:34 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Patton Street (7:41 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Davis and Factory streets (11:51 a.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13** - River stage - 4:49 feet (6:38 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Taylor Mill Road and AL 203 (7:43 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14** - River stage - 4:50 feet (6:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 307 (7:18 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle/deer) on Taylor Mill Road (8:08 a.m.); Alarm at Movie Gallery (9:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 307 (11:55 p.m.); Possible prowler reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (11:49 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Farris Street (11:55 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15** - Wreck reported on Old Curtis Road (2:35

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## BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP** - Court house: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call Ferrin: 897-2877.  
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.  
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.  
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.  
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.  
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Night Office.  
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Two Hays.  
• **MANICURE LODGE** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.  
• **HAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.  
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon. Fri. 8-12 noon & 2-5 p.m. New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 804 5838.  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.  
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise.  
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tues. day at noon. City Hall Conference Room.  
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.  
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport. Driscoll hangar.  
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria.  
• **REGIONAL GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP** - 4th Tues. 7 p.m. Community Care Hospice meeting room.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of October 12, 1999, through October 18, 1999. They were: Doug Armstrong, Trudie Jackson, Tyrone Crawford, Wilma Sumler, Garry Maddox, Grace Daniels, Lula Cole, Annise Coleman, Myrtie Hickman, Stacy Chism, Betty Wilson, Iva Cotton, Cortez Chism, Howard Mauldin, Leamon Kilcrease, and Peggy Hyatt.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Sex. Alcohol. Other drugs. Harassment. Earing disorders. Violence. Abuse. These are some of the toughest topics for parents to discuss with their children.

Who wants to drag ugly realities into a child's world? Unfortunately, the real world is working its way into childhood earlier and earlier, and the best way for parents to rear healthy children, in the midst of all of this, is to talk to them about the tough stuff.

Parents cite many reasons for not talking to their children about tough subjects. But the most common, by far, is not knowing what to say. They never had these conversations with their parents, so they have no model to follow. They often don't know enough about the topics to feel comfortable answering questions, and they sometimes don't even know what words to use, especially when it comes to talking about sex or drugs.

Parents need information to feel comfortable talking to their children about tough subjects. Armed with the facts, they can start these conversations with confidence.

Information is available from lots of sources, but one of the best is your family physician. Your family physician can answer your questions and has information to share with you and your child. Parents know that the materials from their family physician are up-to-date and factual.

Talking with your children about tough subjects may never be easy, but it can be more comfortable. Get the information you need from your family physician and then get started! Once you start talking, you might find it's hard to stop.

Sincerely,  
Lance K. Dyess, M.D.  
Glenn R. Roberts, D.O.  
Henry S. Cochran, M.D.  
Andrew R. Dow, M.D.

I recently lost my grandfather, Edd Tucker, to an accident while he was at work. I cannot think of many people in the town of Elba that he had never helped or just been a friend to. He worked at Kelley Foods from 7:00-3:00. When he would leave there, he would go to wherever he had gotten a call from someone who had a problem like their air conditioner was torn up or something was not working right, and he would do his best to solve their problem and help them in any way that he could. I was supposed to speak at his funeral, but due to some strange turn of events, that did not happen. So, I decided to write this letter to let everyone know about him.

Mr. Brownlee says that he liked the article that Mr. Gray wrote because, "it took the position that people of differing outlooks and persuasions could disagree and still hold to their basic beliefs." I must assume that Mr. Brownlee is referring to the statement Mr. Gray wrote when he said, "God has not engaged His Word, His Spirit, and each other in faithfulness." My question is this: If God has not

been anxious to pass them on to their children.

President Clinton further hurt American families by vetoing our marriage penalty relief. In effect, he is telling 21 million working couples that the \$1,400 marriage penalty they pay for being married and filing joint returns is just fine with him. This is particularly stressful for lower-income working couples.

He has hit the parents of 52 million school-age children squarely in the pocketbook by denying them the opportunity to save up to \$2,000 tax-free annually for education expenses such as school supplies, tutoring and after-school programs. He hit them a second time by robbing parents of the chance to set aside money, tax free, for their children's college education.

With this veto, President Clinton has thrown open the door to more reckless government spending. If this money stays in Washington, it will be spent. The new Clinton budget sent to Congress makes it clear that he intends to spend it. He has called for 80 new programs and \$13 billion in higher taxes and user fees next year alone. His budget exceeds the Balanced Budget Agreement by \$41 billion.

The conservative Congress won't let that reckless spending jeopardize our economic prosperity or the retirement security of working Americans. We stand firm in our resolve to secure the Social Security Trust Fund for Social Security and Medicare payments. We stand firm in our commitment to paying down the public debt. Finally, we remain unshaken in our resolve to provide Americans with meaningful tax relief.

He has denied the American taxpayer tax relief this year, and he instead increased taxes on working Americans. But we will continue in our fight to provide that relief next year.

invested "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, in a belief system (Christianity), and you agree with this, what difference do the scriptures make anyway? Of what importance is context if Christianity is not "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Mr. Brownlee, can't you see the hypocrisy of such a position?

Secondly Mr. Brownlee, my use of Romans 3:4 was not an argument against the lottery. Please keep what I wrote in context. My assertion was that we did not need to make a decision based on our own reasoning or base on what others had said. Our decision must be based on what God has said. Only he is faithful. My statements do no injustice to Romans 3:4.

Third Mr. Brownlee, in reference to my use of Philippians 2:2 you accused me of being "misleading." Once again you took my comments out of context. I was addressing how we came to an understanding of biblical truth. Mr. Gray had said that we came to a "broadened understanding of biblical truth" through "debate and dialogue." I contended that we come to a broadened understanding of biblical truth by being in one accord, and of one mind (your estimation of Philippians 2), and relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth (John 16:13). Mr. Brownlee, do you really challenge this as "misleading?"

Finally Mr. Brownlee, let me challenge you at one point. You made the statement that "it is very difficult to find a few words in the Holy Scripture that will prove one point or another. Just as Jesus' life and mission should not be judged by one incidence, so it is well impossible to get a complete message across with a short passage taken out of context." Since all the Bible is the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God, each verse or short passage can stand on its own, being in complete agreement with the rest of the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15) is enough to let me know that if the Bible never said another word about stealing, that I should know that it is wrong. Also, Jesus' life and mission can be judged by one incidence - the Cross. The cross portrays his life, his love for us, his plan for our salvation, joy, strength, peace, and hope. The singular incidence of the cross says it all!

Sincerely,  
Tony Dye

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## CELIA ENGLISH FAMILY

These words cannot fully express our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the people of Elba, family and friends, who, through the graciousness of their own heart, supplied more than their food, drinks, time, etc., but touched us with their warmest and most generous sincerity. For this we will always remember you in our thoughts and in our prayers.  
God bless and be with you.  
Tony Brown & Peggy Fremd  
10/21/99

## HOWARD LASSETER FAMILY

We wish to take this means to express our sincere thanks to the people of the Mission's Cross Road Community and surrounding communities for their help on October 5-6 in searching for Howard when it was realized that he was missing. We have never before experienced such a helpless feeling. It was such a comfort, though, to know that so many were out there searching for him. Many thanks to the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the media for their very professional assistance.

Also, we wish to express our appreciation to so many who came by and called to lend their support.

Last but not least, we are so grateful for all of the prayers that were sent up for his safe return, which was the happy outcome. God is definitely in the "prayer answering business!"  
Wynelle Lasseter & Family  
10/21/99

## TUCKER FAMILY

The family of Edd Tucker wishes to express their grateful appreciation for all the cards, flowers, prayers, food, thoughtful gestures and gifts that were sent to us during our recent sudden loss. Your kind words and stories of what he did to touch your life have helped us get through this difficult time more than you will ever know. He truly loved this town and all its people, and we believe he would be touched by your outpouring of love for him and support for us.  
May God bless each of you!  
The family of Anne, Shirley, Charlotte, & Kathy  
10/21/99

## MCBRIDE FAMILY

The family of Mr. Aaron L. McBride express our appreciation and gratitude for your many expressions of sympathy and kindness extended to us during our bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep you.  
The Head and McBride Families  
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## AREA DEATHS

## AARON L. MCBRIDE

Mr. Aaron L. McBride, born Aug. 23, 1974 in Opp, died Oct. 9, 1999 in Opp, Ala.

Funeral services were held Oct. 13, 1999 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Elba with Rev. W.L. Peterson officiating. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Reynolds, Elba; two daughters: Michelle Reynolds and Cynthia (Shawn) Coxam of New York; one son: Antonio Reynolds, Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren: Shante, Tara, Kyanah, K'Mani and Antonio Jr.; his father: Rayfield Reynolds, Elba; two sisters: Dorothy Williams, Richmond, Va.; Myrtice (James) Young, St. Louis, Mo.

## Gray's officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.







# SCHOOLS

## FBLA Rewarded With Picnic Lunch

Members of the Zion Chapel Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), who participated in the recent sales campaign, were rewarded for their efforts with a picnic lunch. They were served sandwiches, chips, dip, and soft drinks. Approximately 20 members participated.

Other news includes the fact that a special called meeting is planned for the first week after the nine-week interim. The purpose of the special called meeting is to elect a new executive vice president because the position was vacated when Daphne Jirright moved to the office of president. The president's position had to be filled because the student who held this position transferred to another school.

Notice has been given of the intent to fill the position of executive vice president at the next regular meeting.

All seventh and eighth graders are invited to this meeting to be informed of the plans to charter a Middle Level Chapter of FBLA. Seventh graders take one semester of the business course Keyboarding Applications and eighth graders take a computer literacy course as a part of a twelve-week rotation in a class called Cultural Enrichment. This course has been designed to fulfill the state requirement for credit in a computer literacy course. The course covers competencies in word processing, spreadsheet, database, and telecommunications.



## Cheerleaders Get In Shape

by Kayla Eddins

A display of school spirit and motivation of school spirit in others heads the list of important tasks to be accomplished by the members of a cheerleading squad. In order to be physically fit and able to perform as a quality cheering squad, the cheerleaders at Zion Chapel have entered into a nine-week physical fitness and conditioning program.

During the second nine-weeks grading period, the members of the squad will condition at least two days each week. They will be participating in a variety of exercises. At the end of this time period, each will be expected to perform a program of exercise within a predetermined time period.

To earn an A, two miles will have to be run in 17 minutes. For each additional minute it takes to complete the two miles, the grade will be dropped 10 points. Other exercises include 80 sit-ups in two minutes, and 48 push-ups in two minutes.

Miss Stacy Steck, the cheerleader squad sponsor, feels that conditioning is very important for the squad. In order for the girls to perform cheers and stunts safely, they need to be in good physical shape. The cheerleaders will have the entire grading period to condition and to prepare for the physical fitness test which will be the nine-weeks exam for their athletic course.

## ZC Students Testing Water

by Daphne Jirright

Recently THE REBEL NEWS reported that the Life Science Department at Zion Chapel had been commended by Mr. Mike Mullen, director of the Center for Environmental Research and Service at Troy State University, for the water testing that had been conducted by Mrs. Jackie Jirright and her students. This year the students who will do the testing are the members of the Anatomy class.

This class has been, since the start of school, testing two different creeks for six different quality parameters that are measured. Most of the tests are colorimetric, that is, they are based on adding chemical reagents to the water sample until a color change is produced.

Another test is to find the temperature of water. Temperature affects the physical and chemical properties of water and greatly influences aquatic organisms. It affects feeding, reproduction, and metabolic rate. Temperature determines the density of water and how much oxygen it can hold.

Turbidity is cloudiness in water, and it is caused by suspended matter which scatters light passing through the water. Sources of turbidity are organic matter, plankton, or sediments from eroded soil.

Another test is the measurement of pH in the water. pH is a measurement of the concentration of H<sup>+</sup> ions. Decreases in pH could be indicators of acid rain, runoff from acidic soils, or contamination from agricultural practices or from the presence of livestock.

Alkalinity is measured because

too low a level of alkalinity can be fatal to aquatic life. Alkalinity is a measure of the amount of bicarbonate and carbonate present in water.

Hardness is measured because waters with low hardness levels can support only sparse plant and animal life. Hardness is the solids that make up the total dissolved solids in a certain amount of water.

If there are any significant changes in the results of these tests due to pollution a potential danger to human consumption is created. This study of the water is important because of the serious implications of polluted drinking water for human beings. Another important message is the vulnerability of the water supply.

## Beta Club News

by Jessica Kelley

Initiation for new members and a fund raising event were the items of the September meeting of the Beta Club.

Beginning a new tradition for the club was discussed and adopted by the members at the meeting. Flowers will be picked to represent each office. Silk reproductions of the flowers will be displayed in a bouquet in the room where the club meets and each year new officers, as they are installed, will replace the flowers in the vase.

The fund raising event will be a sweet shop to be opened during the annual Fall Festival. Donated baked desserts will be for sale, and the money raised will be used to pay the expenses of attending the state convention.

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## Tiger Band News

Elba Band Rated Superior by Emilee Qualls

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band participated in a marching festival in Daleville. The band was at the school at 10:30 a.m. to do a quick run-through before leaving. When they arrived at Daleville, they had to go through a quick change into their uniforms and had to be in warm-up in less than an hour. After about 30 gallons of water running through them, it was time to put on a show. Drum Majors, Colorguard, Majorettes, Danceline, and Percussion were judged separately while the band was judged as a whole. By the end of the night, nerves were kicking in because it was time for the scores to be announced. Elba was relieved to find out that it had made superior ratings and was the only band in its class to receive superior, which is the highest score that can be achieved. The band will also be traveling to Prattville and Opp where it will be competing for Best in Class.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Kimberly Ward  
Cammie Kelley

## TIGER BRIEFS

### Tiger Talk

by Katie Vaughan

Hit Country 101.1, WZTZ, has gained yet another addition to its program. Every day at 4:35 p.m., listeners will now hear Tiger Talk, the new radio show with weekly events and happenings of Elba City Schools. Eleven girls from the journalism staff will begin recording the news on a cassette tape. Then, they will deliver it to Doug Holderfield, the owner and DJ of WZTZ. Listeners will hear events such as sales and fundraisers, who the Elba Tigers will play the following Friday night, and when report cards go home. So, 101.1 listeners out there, tune in at 4:35 and hear Tiger Talk.

### Laying Down The Law

by Monique Ordon

On Sept. 29, Attorney Marty Marler came to Elba High School to talk to the seniors about careers in the field of law. This was done as part of a career-training program devised by EHS counselors Mike Carney and Lynn Weeks. Mr. Marler gave the students valuable information about the duties of a lawyer and the salary ranges that can be expected. Many of the seniors stated that they know now the job of a lawyer is not as easy as it seems. Others said it seems like an interesting field.

More presentations are being planned to better prepare seniors for the job market. So far, this career-training program has been a success. The seniors will be better prepared for the future because of this program.

### From Rags to Riches

by Emilee Qualls

The Elba High School Student Government Association is selling Elba Tiger t-shirts for all ages. The shirts are a light gray with an Elba Tiger design on the front. The shirts are selling for \$8 a piece. The shirts come in all sizes to fit all ages. SGA is also selling Tiger rags for \$5 without the ring and \$6 with the ring. The rags are white with the Elba Tiger Design on the front. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please contact the SGA sponsor, Nelda Bailey, or any SGA member. Please show your "Tiger Pride" and support your local SGA by purchasing a shirt or rag. One can never show enough Elba spirit on Friday nights.

## Elba Elementary School Menu October 25 - 29, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Potato Rounds, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Ham, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Turkey Wiggles, Corn, Butterbeans, Sweet Potato Fatty, Roll, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, French Fries, Green Beans, Cookie, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Lasagna, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Orange, Milk

## Lottery: To Be or Not To Be

by Tiffany Farris

On Oct. 12, a big and dramatic decision was made concerning the State of Alabama. Citizens all across the state voted on whether or not they should change our state's constitution.

Alabama's citizens decided that the much controversial lottery would not be a part of the state. Everyone is allowed to his or her own opinion concerning the lottery issue.

Students at Elba High School stated their feelings toward the lottery. The students' responses were mixed, however, most of them were not looking forward to the advantages of getting the money for a college education.

Here is what students had to say.

Neil Grantham - Junior, "I think it is right, it gives a person that does not have a chance to go to college to be able to go."

Sara Purvis - Sophomore, "I think that it is not good because it is gambling and gambling is wrong."

Devri Kilcrease - Freshman, "I do not think it is right because gambling is wrong. The money would also go to politics more than education."

Daniel Bowman - Freshman, "I do not like it because gambling is, wrong."

Katie Driggers - Freshman, "Against it because it is against my beliefs."

Alison Smith - Seventh grade, "I really did not care how it turned out."

Aaron Harrelson - Seventh Grade, "It really doesn't matter to me because it will not affect me."

Meet Mrs. Gibson

by Emilee Benbow

At the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year, the Elba City School System invited several new teachers into the family. Among them was Mrs. Gibson. Mrs. Gibson is the mother of two, Ashley Gibson and Matthew Gibson, who both attend school here in Elba. Mrs. Gibson, however, is a graduate of Brantley High School and obtained her teaching degree from Troy State University. When asked why she wanted to become a teacher, she replied, "I can't remember when I did not want to be a teacher. Working with children is very challenging and rewarding. I really enjoy the children, they're great!" Mrs. Gibson's favorite thing about teaching is when a student offers her a hug and smile and says, "I love you, you're the best teacher ever."

Teaching is just as wonderful as she had always thought it would be, but Mrs. Gibson says she is busier than she ever imagined. Mrs. Gibson is a great asset to the Elba City School System.

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# SCHOOLS

## Elba High School Gets A Spicer Minute

by Kimberly Ward

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, Elba High School had a special visit from one of our most honorable officials from the small city of Elba. Mr. Terry Spicer, State Representative from District 8, toured Elba High School and enjoyed lunch with the students and teachers. The Journalism Staff hosted him as he resided in the school. Then, Kimberly Ward had a one on one interview with Representative Spicer. Questions about the new Highway 84 were asked. The development and contribution to the city of Elba was discussed, and the route of the new road was explained. Representative Spicer was also questioned about his future political and personal plans. He said he is having a great time where he is right now, but you



Pictured above (l-r) are: Steven Smith, Rep. Terry Spicer, and Tiffany Farris

## Elba High Students up for Prestigious Scholar-Athlete Award

EHS seniors, Vaughan Boyd and Josh Lawford, were selected by their coaches and guidance counselor for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The nominations were based on their outstanding academic achievements and leadership skills.

Applications for this award pass through stringent state evaluations that narrow the field down to 1,020 state finalists. Strict state competition will then narrow the list of nominees to 102. A panel, including past Heisman Memorial Trophy winners as well as community and education leaders, will select 12 national finalists, one male and one female. The Heisman Memorial Trophy will be awarded in New York Dec. 9-12 in a ceremony to be broadcast on ESPN Saturday, Dec. 11.

The two very deserving EHS seniors say they are very honored to have been selected to represent their school as nominees for this award.

## Mrs. Dye's Butterflies

by Sara K. Miller

On Friday, Oct. 1, Mrs. Dye's class released many butterflies. Her class was studying metamorphosis of rocks, and she thought that metamorphosis of butterflies would be a good way to compare the two. The caterpillars ate the flowers that Mrs. Dye had. When they migrate every year, they come to eat the flowers. This year on Sept. 13, Mrs. Dye caught the caterpillars and brought them to her class. One week after, they formed cocoons and stayed inside for a week and a half. When the cocoons opened, the butterflies emerged. The butterflies stayed in the class for two weeks. Many of the students became very attached to them. Here are a few comments the students had when they released the butterflies.

Tiffany Bryan, "They were cool! I wanted them to stay."

Don Rhoades, "They were very colorful! I don't think they wanted to go."

Throughout the year, Mrs. Dye's

## Beautiful Butterfly

class will be doing many more projects. They will be great learning experiences for the fourth grade. Let's just hope the class does not get over excited and fly away!

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Report cards came out last week for the Mularz girls, and while neither one of them set any kind of academic records, they did do well enough for Mom and Dad to give me both a well deserved "good job." There is no doubt that the remainder of the school year will provide its usual challenges, but at least we're off to a pretty good start, and there won't be another report card due for nine more weeks.

## ELBA TIGERS NOTCH PLAYOFF BERTH WITH LOPSIDED WIN

There are still a lot of people in Elba that wonder why the Elba Tigers would play a team like Clayton. The answer is simple! The Elba Tigers and Clayton are both in Class 3A, Area 3, and it is mandated by the state that the teams play to determine the area's representatives in the state playoffs. Whether you enjoyed Friday night's 48-6 lopsided win or not, it was an important area win and guaranteed the Tigers a spot in the playoffs. That is why Elba played Clayton, and why it was such an important game.

The Elba offense rolled up over 250 yards in the easy win, with the Tigers "kiddie corps" of 8th and 9th graders giving the Elba fans a preview of things to come. The eighth and ninth graders gained 184 yards on the ground and scored 2 touchdowns, with eighth grader Michael Sams gaining over 100 yards. The starters got a well deserved rest once the score got out of hand, and the younger players made the most out of their opportunity and got some well deserved applause.

The Elba defense limited Clayton to minus 7 yards in offense in the first half, and only after the Tiger reserves got in on the action did the Clayton offense ever do anything. Jap Dubose and Tony Burks got in some good ticks early in the game, while the Elba youngsters combined for 16 tackles, 5 assists and 2 interceptions in the second half. The Elba defense was barely challenged by Clayton, but was ready to play and took out their frustrations Friday night.

I know that Clayton hasn't won a game in seven years and may very well be one of the worst teams in the state, but Elba had to play the game, and did a whole lot more than simply show up and get the game over with. The Tigers came out ready to play, took the fight to Clayton early, and delivered a knock out punch in the first quarter. It may not have been a hard game to win, but it was a win, and a win in which the Tigers had some much needed fun.

## BROCKTON AND BRANTLEY SHARE AREA GRID SPOTLIGHT

The eighth week of the high school football season has come and gone, and for the teams in the area it was a pretty good week, despite the fact that both Kinston and Zion Chapel saw their long losing streaks continue. Here's a quick look back at the week that was.

\*\*\* **NEW BROCKTON (4-4)** evened its record and claimed the Class 2A, Area 3 title Friday night with an impressive 40-7 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. The Gamecocks were expected to have some problems with the Bulldogs, but jumped on their cross-county rivals early in the game and never allowed Kinston to do anything offensively. The Gamecocks may be a little short on numbers and experience, but they do have some of the top players around, regardless of class, and can dominate their opponents on any given night when they play well. Friday night they played well!

\*\*\* **BRANTLEY (8-0)** had a fight on its hands for a half Friday night in its cross-county clash with Highland Home before taking charge and rolling to a big 21-7 victory. The Bulldogs, who had lost their last game, proved once again that they could be effective on offense both running and passing, and limited the explosive Squadron offense to only seven points. Brantley has had to take its game up a notch or two in recent weeks as the level of competition has improved, and the Bulldogs have managed to meet every challenge. These Dogs are for real!

\*\*\* **ZION CHAPEL (0-7)** scored a season-high 26 points Friday night in a 54-26 loss to Florida, and had several bright spots in the big loss to the Wildcats. Eighth grader Wesley Grant hit on 4 of 4 passes for over 100 yards and 2 touchdowns, while starting quarterback Marcus Taylor also passed for over 100 yards, passed for 1 touchdown and ran for another. The Rebels have won only once in their last 17 games, but it looks like help is on the way and better days are ahead. Once the students and alumni support the program, the wins will come and the Rebels will rise again!

\*\*\* **KINSTON (0-8)** was expected to give New Brockton a challenge after taking the lead in each of its previous four games, but the Bulldogs never got anything going Friday night and got shelved 40-7 to see their losing streak reach 19 games. The Bulldog offense couldn't move the ball on the ground or in the air against the Gamecock defense, and simply didn't have the athletes to match-up on defense. The Bulldogs' roster is filled with young players that are growing up each and every week, and if they will hang tough and not hang it up, the wins will come.

## TRIP AROUND THE STATE REVEALS INTERESTING GAMES

The eighth week of the high school football season was held last week, and there were a number of games both in the local area and across the state that were worthy of mentioning. Here are just a few....

\*\*\* **Alma Bryant** improved to 8-0 in the 6A ranks with an easy 34-7 win over Murphy. The Hurricanes won 12 straight a year ago before falling in the third round of the playoffs, but have since won eight more and now own a two-year record of 20-1 competing in a very competitive part of the state. I guess no one is complaining about consolidation any more down in south Mobile County.

\*\*\* **Laverne** lost to Calhoun 32-29 to see its record for the season slip to 1-7. The Tigers from Crenshaw County were expected to be a 3A contender after an opening week win, but since the fight and double-forfeit with Elba have failed to even win a game. Now the Tigers must win against Goshen to even make the playoffs. Looks like a season to forget for Coach Butch Norman and his troops.

\*\*\* **Opp** was upset by Dale County 21-10 for its second loss of the season, and all of the sudden the folks down in the land of Opp-ortunity are wondering if their Bobcats are as good as they had thought. The Bobcats give as much effort as any team I have seen all year, but the fact the Bobcats are a little short on depth could be taking its toll down the stretch. The next two games will be interesting.

\*\*\* **Geneva** rallied from a 21-14 halftime deficit to knock off Daleville 28-21 in a key Class 4A contest. The Panthers gave up three big scoring plays in the first half that put the Warhawks on top, but simply kept on working hard in the second half and took control as the Panthers pulled out the win. By the way, the win was the 18th straight regular season win for Geneva under Coach Leavy Boutwell. Quite a feat for a team that suffered for so long in the early nineties.

\*\*\* **Pike County** continued its resurgence under Coach Wayne Grant by stunning Charles Henderson 14-12, in Troy. The Bulldogs had fallen under hard times in recent years and were all but written off as the number of players slipped to under 20 a few years back. Don't look now, but Coach Grant has these "Dogs barking again!"

\*\*\* **Enterprise** whipped up on wireless Carver 38-14 to improve its record to 3-4, but judging by the headlines in the Enterprise paper Sunday you would have thought the Wildcats were on the verge of winning a state championship. The Wildcats will miss the playoffs this year for the first time in a decade. However, if you believe what you read, all is well in the Boil Weevil city. Did I miss something?

## ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY....

\*\*\* **Alabama** had a big win over Ole Miss Saturday over in Oxford, but the Crimson Tide once again showed that it may not be quite good enough to defend to be a serious contender for a Top 5 ranking. The Tide is very young on defense and will improve as the season goes along. However,

the Bama fans need to remember that while the '99 Tide is improved from years past, it is still a few years away from being a national title hopeful.

\*\*\* **Auburn** played well in spots on both sides of the football, but it wasn't nearly enough to get the Tigers past Florida. Coach Tommy Tuberville had a look on his face like he had just lost his favorite hunting dog in the first half, but woke up when Auburn staged a mild rally, and then chewed on the guys in the striped shirts when Florida regained command and pulled away late. I understand that refs miss calls, but it seems to me that the new Auburn coach is trying to use the refs as excuses when his team loses. C'mon coach, maybe you have a little to do with the recent skid.

\*\*\* **The Elba Junior High Tigers** closed out their season last week with a big win over Samson, and then put the icing on the cake with an outstanding performance in Elba's 48-6 romp past Clayton Friday night. The players on the junior high team aren't as talented as many of their parents might think, but they do have an incredible chemistry and combine to have an excellent team, no matter what sport in which they compete. If these kids can stick together, the trophy case at Elba High could become very crowded in years to come.

\*\*\* **Elba fans** need to go to the Elba-Andalusia football game Friday night, because the Bulldogs are not on the Tigers schedule for the next two years, and that means the end of what was once one of the state's top rivalries. The Bulldogs had some big wins early in the Donnie Sharpe years in Andalusia, but it was the Tigers that snapped Andalusia's long losing streak with a big win in Miller Stadium, and then the very next year snapped the Bulldogs even longer home field winning streak. Maybe since Andalusia will drop to 4A next year and Elba will remain 3A, the two teams will renew the rivalry the next time schedules are made. We can at least hope!

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office early Sunday afternoon and stated he was excited about the upcoming playoffs in high school football, and predicted that Elba, New Brockton, Brantley, Opp and Geneva would all host first round games, and that all the fans in South Alabama would have somewhere to go that first Friday in November. The local guesstimate hit on 28 of 32 picks last week to improve to 186-48 on the season, and then left this week's picks. Here they are....

## ELBA VS. ANDALUSIA

The Tigers have won two straight games and now believe that they can beat anybody they play, while the Bulldogs won a heart-stopping area game in four overtimes last week over Carroll, of Ozark, and are ready to take on the world. Both teams will be brimming with confidence Friday night down in Andalusia, but only one will leave the field with a win on their side of the ledger, and those winners will be barking!

## ANDALUSIA 20 ELBA 12

## BRANTLEY VS. ST. JAMES

The Bulldogs lost big time to the Trojans a year ago in Montgomery, and while Brantley does have a very good football team, St. James has

## Elba Tigers take two-game winning streak on the road against improved Andalusia Bulldogs

The Elba Tigers will be looking to claim their third straight win Friday night when they travel to Andalusia to battle the vastly-improved Andalusia Bulldogs.

The Tigers will carry a 5-5 record into the clash after posting a lopsided 48-6 win over Clayton last week, while the Bulldogs will enter



Elba's Coach Julius Head

## Kinston and Zion Chapel to meet Friday night looking to put an end to long losing streaks

The ninth week of the high school football season will provide plenty of excitement for teams in the area as the Zion Chapel Rebels host the Kinston Bulldogs in a cross-county clash, the Brantley Bulldogs celebrate homecoming against the St. James Trojans, and the New Brockton Gamecocks travel to Hartford to tangle with the high-powered Geneva County Bulldogs.

Following are brief previews of all three games:

## (0-8) KINSTON AT

## (0-7) ZION CHAPEL

Two teams still searching for their first win of the '99 season will tangle Friday night in Jack when the Kinston Bulldogs try to put an end to their 19-game losing streak against the winless Rebels of Zion Chapel. Kinston saw its long victory drought continue last week with a 40-7 loss to New Brockton, and in the loss the Bulldog offense was shut down for the first time in four games. After eight games this season, the Bulldogs have averaged almost 11 points a game, while allowing a whopping 38 points per outing. Zion Chapel will carry an 8-

## (5-3) ST. JAMES AT

## (8-0) BRANTLEY

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to give their fans a happy homecoming and gain a measure of revenge over one of the two teams that defeated the Bulldogs a year ago on Friday night when they host the 3A St. James Trojans, of Montgomery. The Bulldogs dropped a 35-19 decision to the Trojans a year ago in Montgomery, but have since won 14 straight games, the longest winning streak in the state, and will be looking to keep that streak alive Friday night behind the offensive firepower of Andy Johnson, Bo Daniels, Darrell Owens, Gregory

played at least two teams better than Brantley already this season. Fortunately for the Bulldogs, the Trojans lost to both teams. Make it 9-0 for the "Dogs!"

## BRANTLEY 17 ST. JAMES 13

## NEW BROCKTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Gamecocks will be on the road this week to battle Andre Golson and the high-powered Geneva County Bulldogs. While the Bulldogs could be more than a little over-rated this season, they do have a solid 2A team that will go with Geneva County.

## GENEVA COUNTY 26 NEW BROCKTON 25

## KINSTON VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Rebels and Bulldogs meet in a Coffee County battle up in Jack, and while both teams have struggled in recent years, the records mean nothing when these two tie up. I flipped a coin ten times and it came up 5-5. So, I guess I'll have to pick this one on my own. Watch out Kinston, there is an ambush planned for you in north Coffee County.

## ZION CHAPEL 27 KINSTON 22

## OTHER PICKS:

Blacksher 29 McKenzie 0  
G.W. Long 45 Florida 27  
A.L. Johnson 32 Frisco City 8  
Notasuga 28 St. Jude 9  
Houston County 20 Arion 16  
Cottonwood 43 Louisville 13  
Hillcrest 20 Georgiana 8  
Highland Home 21 Sanson 7  
Red Level 22 Straughn 20  
J.F. Shields 29 Laverne 20  
Wicksburg 27 Slocomb 6  
Goshen 50 Clayton 12  
UMS-Wright 28 Flomaton 7  
Montgomery Academy 27 Holtville 8  
Brarwood 35 Trinity 3  
Abbeville 20 Ashford 18  
Eufaula 41 Bullock County 14  
Geneva 21 Dale County 17  
Daleville 20 Pike County 12  
Opp 34 W.S. Neal 6  
Headland 21 Rehobeth 16  
Alma Bryant 34 T.R. Miller 17  
Charles Henderson 16 Wetumpka 14  
Wilcox Central 40 Monroe County 12  
Carroll 27 Russell County 12  
Northview 28 Carver 14  
Enterprise 24 Lanier 17

the game with a 5-3 mark, and will be coming off an emotional 34-27 overtime win over Carroll, of Ozark.

"Andalusia has a very good football team on both sides of the ball and will provide our young team with a very tough challenge," stated Elba's Coach Julius Head. "Coach Paul Woolley has done a tremendous job in his first year at Andalusia, and after last week's big win over Carroll, they will be sky high Friday night for their game with us. We know it will be a very tough game and we know that we will have to play as good as we can on every single play to leave with a win."

Andalusia has posted wins this season over Monroe County 31-6, Ashford 19-0, Hillcrest 19-6, B.T. Washington 45-20 and Carroll 34-27, while losing to St. Paul's 24-0, Charles Henderson 14-7 and Escambia County 18-14.

The Bulldogs operate out of a full-house backfield and have four of the top 10 running backs in the state. "The Andalusia defense has been stingy all season against both the run and the pass," said Coach Head, "and we will have to be balanced and block well both on the run and the pass to be effective. We will need to run the football to keep it

away from their offense, and be able to hit the key passes when we need to. If we block well on every play, and plays as well as we can, we should be able to put some points on the scoreboard. Over on defense, we will have to play very physical up front and tackle well on every play. The corners will have to help with run support, while at the same time reading their keys to prevent Andalusia from hurting us with the pass. It will be a very physical game on both offense and defense, and the team that wins the war in the line will win the ball game."

When asked about the Tigers' 48-6 win over Clayton, Coach Head stated "It was a big win in that it put us in the playoffs and gave us a chance to play a lot of youngsters that will have to help us in years to come. We were able to get out to a big lead in the first quarter, and then rest a lot of starters and let the younger players get actual game experience. The younger players really got after it on both sides of the ball, and showed that they can help us now. Clayton is going through some hard times and has lost a lot of games in recent years, but they did play hard and their kids deserve a lot of credit for hanging in when things are going bad."

Elba's Dustin Stinson (3) lofts a touchdown pass during first quarter action to give the Tigers an early 7-0 lead. The pass covered 25 yards and was caught by Tim Ware. Elba will travel to Andalusia Friday night for a big battle with the Andalusia Bulldogs. Kickoff will be at 7:30 PM.

## SPORTS



COOL CATS...The Elba Tiger cheerleaders were "Cool Cats" Friday night and appeared to have an attitude as the Tigers rolled over Clayton 48-6 for their second win of the season. Cheerleaders pictured include (front row, l-r) Cammie Kelley, Carmenda Coleman, Brandy Davis, (standing, l-r) Melissa Mularz, Casey Skinner, Sara Purvis, Katie Vaughan, Oneida Davis and Kerri Lawford.



Elba Tiger 8th grader Michael Sams (34) cuts behind the block of teammate Quinton Moultry (42) enroute to a big gain in the Tigers' easy 48-6 win over Clayton. Sams gained 114 yards on 9 carries and scored 2 touchdowns in the Class 3A, Area 3 win that put the Tigers in the state football playoffs.

## Elba Tigers club Clayton 48-6

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers claimed their second straight win and wrapped up a berth in the upcoming state playoffs Friday night by posting an easy 48-6 win over the Clayton Tigers, in Elba.

The win improved Elba's record to 2-5, 1-0 in Class 3A, Area 3 play, while Clayton slipped to 0-8 with the loss, 0-2 in Area 3 action.

Elba kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back at the Clayton 28-yardline after a short punt and a 10-yard return by Dustin Stinson. Two running plays netted only three yards. So, the Tigers decided to go to the air, and the move paid immediate dividends as Dustin Stinson lofted a halfback pass to Tim Ware, who pulled in the pass in the endzone for a 25-yard touchdown toss. Chris Turner tacked on the extra-point, and with 8:54 left in the first quarter, Elba was on its way with an early 7-0 lead.

The Elba defense scored the next points of the night as Josh Lawford stepped in front of a Roosevelt Glover pass and raced down the sidelines 27 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 8:03 still left in the first quarter, Elba's lead was up to 13-0.

Elba began its next offensive series at the Clayton 11-yardline after a six-yard punt, and needed only two plays to get back into the endzone, with Cassius Wilson scoring the touchdown on a 5-yard dash. Tony Burks ran in for the two-point conversion as Elba's lead moved to 21-0 with 4:59 remaining in

the opening stanza.

The two area rivals swapped fumbles on their next possessions, with Elba's Josh Moultry recovering a Clayton fumble at the Clayton 42-yardline after a big hit by Jeb Dubose, and it was Moultry that also gave the ball back as he fumbled on the very next play after a big hit by the Clayton defense.

The Elba special teams got in on the action three plays later, as Tony Burks fielded a punt at the Clayton 43-yardline and rambled through the entire Clayton team 43 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, and the touchdown moved the Elba offense to the Clayton 34-yardline after a defensive stand, and this time needed three plays to cover the distance. A 12-yard run by Brandon Salter sparked the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on an 18-yard pass from Bradley Bowers to Tim Ware. Chris Turner's extra-point try was true, and Elba's lead was up to 35-0 with 10:58 remaining in the second quarter.

Elba's Brent Bowers recovered a Clayton fumble near midfield to put the Tiger offense back in business, and this time the Elba freshman took to the field and marched 52 yards in seven plays to reach paydirt. Cherelle Edwards had a 26-yard scamper during the scoring march, while eighth-grader Michael Sams added 18 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run. Chris Turner tacked on the

extra-point, and with 6:35 left in the second quarter Elba's lead had ballooned to 42-0.

Elba freshman Kyle English intercepted a Clayton pass at the Clayton 42-yardline late in the half, and the Tiger freshmen again headed toward the Clayton goal line behind the running of Michael Sams, Dougie Kyles and Cherelle Edwards. A 25-yard scamper by Sams gave the Tigers a first down and goal at the Clayton 7-yardline, but Elba ran out of time and at the half the Tigers went in with a big 42-0 advantage.

Elba received the second half kick and began a march toward the Clayton endzone behind the running of Nick Folmar, Michael Sams and Dougie Kyles, but again failed to reach paydirt as the Tigers lost a fumble at the Clayton 34-yardline.

Clayton's offense, which was held to five yards in total offense in the first half, had better luck against the Elba reserves, and drove 73 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. Roosevelt Glover hit on 5 of 9 passes for 51 yards to spark the Clayton scoring march, and hit Roderick Glover on a 12 yard toss for the touchdown. The extra-point try failed, and with 0:00 showing on the clock in the third quarter Elba was ahead 42-6.

Elba's Cassius Wilson returned the ensuing kick 35 yards to the Elba 44-yardline, and this time the Elba youngsters marched into the Clayton endzone as they drove 56 yards in seven plays to score the final points of the night. Michael Sams gained 46 yards on 4 carries to highlight the scoring drive, and scored the touchdown on a 5-yard dash. A two-point conversion failed, but with 7:05 left in the game the Tigers had the win in the bag as they led 48-6.

Elba's Cherelle Edwards intercepted a Clayton pass late in the game to stop a Clayton drive, and the Tigers easily held on down the stretch to post the lopsided 48-6 area win.

Elba eighth-grader Michael Sams gained 114 yards on 9 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to spark the Elba offense, while freshman Cherelle Edwards added 43 yards on 4 carries, freshman Nick Folmar gained 15 yards on 4 carries, and freshman Dougie Kyles added 13 yards on 3 carries. Tim Ware pulled in 2 passes for 43 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Tony Burks and Jeb Dubose made 4 tackles apiece to pace the Elba defense, while Cassius Wilson and Michael Sams both had 3 stops and 1 assist. Josh Lawford had an interception return for a touchdown, and Kyle English and Cherelle Edwards also had interceptions, while Brent Bowers and Josh Moultry both had a fumble recovery.

## STATISTICS

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1st Downs	15	9
Rushing Yds.	221	12
Passing Yds.	43	84
Total Offense	264	96
Passes	2-2-0	9-22-3
Fumbles/Lost	5/2	3/2
Punts-Ave.	0-00	3-22
Penalty Yds.	45	35

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Elba's Cassius Wilson (22) and Sammy Hill (54) combine to make the stop on a Clayton running back. The Tigers held Clayton to minus seven yards in offense in the opening two quarters Friday night in the Tigers' 48-6 win.

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## Brantley grounds Squadron 30-7

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter



Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) gained over 100 yards in the Bulldogs' big 30-7 win over Highland Home.

The Brantley Bulldog defense claimed four turnovers Friday night as the top-ranked Bulldogs raced past the Highland Home Flying Squadron 30-7, in Brantley.

The Bulldogs scored the final 21 points of the night to break open a close game, while Gregory Daniels booted three field goals and caught five passes to spark the Brantley offense.

Brantley struck quickly for the game's first score, as on the first snap of the night Andy Johnson hit a streaking Zack Burnett down the right sideline for an 84-yard scoring play. The extra-point failed, but with only 24 seconds gone in the game Brantley was already on top 6-0.

Both teams mounted eight-play drives later in the opening stanza, but neither drive resulted in points as the defenses rose to the early offensive challenges.

Tyrell Knighten wrestled the ball away from a Highland Home running back at the Squadron's 42-yardline to set up the Bulldog offense for its next score of the night.

Two passes to Gregory Daniels moved the Bulldogs to the Highland Home 14-yardline, but a 13-yard loss on a quarterback sack slowed the march, and on fourth down Brantley settled for three-points as Gregory Daniels drilled a 35-yard field-goal to put the Bulldogs on top 9-0 with 7:35 remaining in the half.

The Flying Squadron took the ensuing kickoff and literally flew down the field as they covered 76 yards in only six plays. John May got the touchdown on a 33-yard scamper on a counter play, and Doug Norman added the extra-point as Highland Home pulled within 9-7 with 4:55 remaining in the second quarter.

Brantley bounced right back following the Squadron score and drove from the Brantley 30-yardline to the Highland Home 5-yardline, but the Bulldogs' effort to play heat the clock was only partially successful, as Gregory Daniels booted a 22-yard field-goal as the

clock wound down to send Brantley in at the half with a 12-7 advantage over their cross-county rivals.

Highland Home moved to two quick first downs as the second half opened. However, Flying Squadron quarterback Michael Horton was hit while trying to pass and fumbled, and the Bulldogs' Rodney Wiley scooped up the loose ball and returned it 18 yards to the Highland Home 20-yardline.

Bo Daniels took over from there, as the talented senior pulled in an Andy Johnson pass on first down for an 8-yard gain, and then barreled over from 12 yards out on the next play for the Brantley touchdown. Daniels also ran in the two-point conversion, and the Brantley fans could breathe a little easier as their Bulldogs were now ahead 20-7 with 8:23 left in the third quarter.

Highland Home tried to answer the Brantley score and marched to the Bulldog 47-yardline on its ensuing possession, only to be turned back when on fourth down and two Lavon Brooks and Tyron Knighten combined to stop Greg Gallender for a one-yard loss.

An exchange of punts gave Brantley the ball at its own 46-yardline, and the Bulldogs once again headed toward the Highland Home goal line. Bo Daniels popped off runs of 13 and 17 yards to get the drive off to fast start, but the drive stalled at the Squadron 10-yardline, and on fourth down Gregory Daniels salvaged three points for the Bulldogs as he drilled a 27-yard field-goal to put Brantley ahead 23-7 with 8:22 remaining in the game.

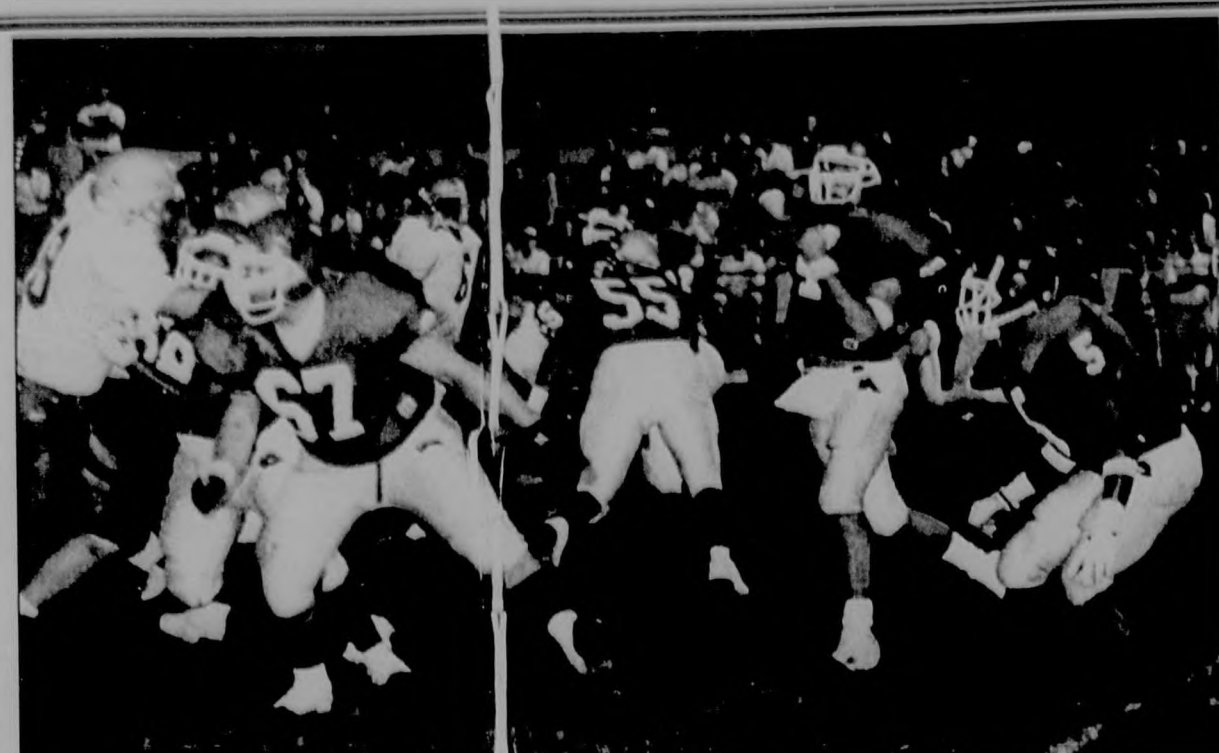
Brantley began its next series at the Highland Home 36-yardline after a short Squadron punt, and four plays later Darrell Owens dashed 18 yards for the final Bulldog touchdown of the night. Owens was hit by two Highland Home defenders in the backfield, but powered his way past the would-be tacklers and raced into the endzone. Gregory Daniels booted the extra-point and with 4:43 still left in the final stanza Brantley was in complete command with a 30-7 advantage.

The scoring was over for the night, but the action from the Brantley defense was still very much alive, as Zack Burnett claimed an interception and Tyrell Knighten recovered a fumble in the final moments of play to help preserve the 30-7 win.

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STATISTICS		
B	1st Downs	13
14	Rushes-Yds.	36-161
33-157	Passing Yds.	24
132	Total Offense	185
289	Passes	35-1
8-14-0	Penalties-Yds.	6-66
9-71		



Brantley's Andy Johnson (4) prepares to pass down field as the Bulldog blockers provide protection. Helping keep the pocket safe for the Bulldog quarterback are Tyler Griffin (67), Rodney Wiley (58), Rashadd Owen (55) and Darrell Owens (5). The Bulldogs defeated Highland Home 30-7 last week to improve their record to 8-0 on the season.

## Rebels lose wild 54-26 shootout

By Tony Calhoun, Sportswriter

The Zion Chapel Rebels enjoyed their biggest offensive output of the season Friday night as they rushed for over 100 yards, passed for over 200 yards and scored 26 points. Unfortunately, the Rebels were playing the high-powered Florida Wildcats, and came out on the short end of a wild 54-26 shoot-out, in Florida.

The loss left the Rebels with an 0-7 record for the season, while the Wildcats improved their record to 5-3 with the win.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff and stunned the highly-favored Wildcats by needing only three plays to cover 61 yards to the Florida endzone. A 60-yard pass from Marcus Taylor to Josh McWaters on the first play of the game moved the Rebels within inches of the goal line, and it was Taylor that sneaked over one play later for the first score of the night. The extra-point try was blocked, but with 10:20 left in the opening stanza Zion Chapel was ahead 6-0.

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failed, and with 5:43 remaining in the first quarter Florida was on top 13-6.

Florida began its next possession at its own 11-yardline, and this time the Wildcats needed six plays to cover the 89 yards to paydirt. Matt Geohagen took a hand off and raced 50 yards for the Wildcat touchdown, and Joey Eason hit Clay Pittman for the two-point conversion, as the Wildcats upped their lead to 21-6 with 3:35 remaining in the opening stanza.

Florida got a break on the ensuing Zion Chapel possession when quarter back Marcus Taylor fumbled after scrambling for a first down on a third down and 18, and the Wildcats' Demetrius Henderson scooped up the fumble at the Florida 15-yardline.

Florida was forced to punt after the Rebel turnover, but got the ball back on a Zion Chapel punt at the Wildcat 146-yardline, and promptly marched 54 yards in only three plays to add to their lead.

The Wildcat touchdown came on a 32-yard run by Junior Oates, and Belcher split the uprights for the extra-point, as Florida increased its advantage to 28-6 with 5:23 remaining in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel put together its most impressive drive of the night on its ensuing possession as the Rebels drove 60 yards in 12 plays to get back in to the endzone!

Marcus Taylor completed three passes for 31 yards and ran for 12 yards during the scoring drive, with the touchdown coming on an 11-yard pass to Wesley Grant. The two-point conversion try failed, but with 2:12 left in the half the Rebels

had cut the Florida lead to 28-12.

The momentum didn't stay on the Rebels' side of the field for long; however, as Florida took the ensuing kick and scored in only three plays. The touchdown came on a 35-yard pass from Joey Eason to Junior Oates, and even though the extra-point try failed, the Wildcats went in at the half with a big 34-12 advantage.

Florida put to rest any hopes of a Rebel comeback on the very first play of the second half, as Junior Oates took a hand off and raced 60 yards for a touchdown. Belcher tackled on the extra-point, and with only 20 seconds gone in the second half the Wildcats were in complete command with a big 41-12 lead.

Florida began its next offensive series at midfield after a faked punt attempt by the Rebels fell just short of the chains, and seven plays later the Wildcats were back in the endzone. The touchdown came on a 14-yard run by Demetrius Henderson, and Belcher added the extra-point, as Florida moved ahead 48-12 with 7:11 remaining in the third quarter.

Florida came up with two pass interceptions to stop the next two offensive threats by the Rebels, and then scored its final points of the night when Matt Geohagen rolled right and raced down the sidelines 92 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but it made no difference at all as Florida had blown the game wide-open by taking a 54-12 lead with 11:40 left in the game.

Zion Chapel was down, but not about to quit, and quickly marched down field to score its third touchdown of the night. The Rebel score came on a 41-yard pass from eighth-grader Wesley Grant to Josh McWaters, and with 10:15 left Florida's lead stood at 54-18.

The Zion Chapel defense stopped Florida on a fourth down gamble deep in Rebel territory, and the Rebel offense again showed its desire to put points on the scoreboard as they marched the length of the field to score the final points of the game.

The Rebel touchdown came on a 25-yard pass from Wesley Grant to David Eddins, and Kyle McDermont ran in the two-point conversion as the Rebels scored with 1:01 left on the clock to make the final score Florida 54 Zion Chapel 26.

Wesley Grant hit on 4 of 4 passes for 103 yards and 2 touchdowns, and caught one pass for 11 yards and one touchdown, to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Marcus Taylor completed 10 of 24 passes for 155 yards and 1 touchdown and gained 48 yards on 11 carries and scored 1 one touchdown. Josh McWaters caught 9 passes for 188 yards and 1 touchdown to lead the Rebel receivers.

Junior Oates gained 245 yards on 15 carries to lead Florida, while Matt Geohagen added 181 yards on only five carries.

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Zion Chapel's Johnny Branham (33) waves his arms as he finds a hole in the Florida defense. The Rebels will host Kinston Friday night in their annual gridiron grudge match.

## SPORTS



New Brockton's Michael Ordon (11) looks for running room outside as Kinston's Daniel Davis (61) closes in. Also in pursuit of the Gamecock running back is Jonathan Wiggins (52). The Gamecocks evened their record at 4-4 and won the Class 2A, Area 3 championship with the 40-7 win over the Bulldogs Friday night.

## Gamecocks clobber Kinston 40-7

From Staff Reports

The New Brockton Gamecocks evened their record at 4-4 and claimed the Class 2A, Area 3 championship at the same time Friday night as they raced past the Kinston Bulldogs 40-7, in Kinston.

The Gamecocks scored their first touchdown of the night through the airways as Kellen Cole hooked up with Andre Flowers on a 55-yard scoring pass. The two-point conversion was successful and with 7:00 left in the opening stanza, New Brockton was already on its way with an 8-0 advantage.

New Brockton scored again with just 4:03 left in the quarter on a 3-yard run by Pate Harrison, and while this time the two-point try failed, it made little difference as the Gamecocks owned a 14-0 lead

at the end of one quarter of action.

The Gamecocks added to their lead midway through the second quarter on a 42-yard dash by Jason McKenzie, but the Bulldogs' Brian Ellis made a big hit on the two-point try to stop the Brockton back behind the line of scrimmage, and with 7:58 left in the half the Gamecocks were ahead 20-0.

New Brockton wasted no time adding to its lead in the second half, as sophomore Jeremy Meeks fielded the second half kickoff at the Gamecock 15-yardline and rambled 85 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but the Gamecocks were in complete command as they owned a 26-0 lead with 11:44 still left in the third quarter.

Pate Harrison added his second touchdown of the night on a 1-yard

blast with 9:33 remaining in the game, and Andre Flowers tacked on the extra-point as New Brockton's lead went to 33-0.

The Gamecock defense got in on the scoring midway through the final stanza when Andre Flowers stepped in front of a Bulldog aerial and returned the interception 45 yards for a touchdown. Flowers also added the extra-point, and with 7:23 remaining in the game the Gamecocks' lead was up to 40-0.

An apparent Gamecock touchdown run by Michael Ordon with :55 left on the clock was nullified by a holding penalty, and the penalty not only kept the Gamecocks out of the endzone, but also helped the Bulldogs finally get into the endzone!

The Kinston score came on the very next snap as the Bulldogs' Ricky Morris scooped up a Brockton fumble at the New Brockton 35-yardline and raced into the endzone. Brad Boykin booted the extra-point, and with :27 left on the clock the Bulldogs were down 40-7, but had averted the shutout.

Ricky Morris made 11 tackles and returned a fumble 35 yards for a Kinston touchdown, while Daniel Davis made 10 stops and Bishop Edwards had 5 tackles.

Jason McKenzie gained 100 yards on 10 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the New Brockton offense, while Pate Harrison added 80 yards on 11 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. Kellen Cole hit on 5 of 8 passes for 118 yards and 1 touchdown.

Adrian Grimes made 15 tackles to pace the Gamecock defense and Pate Harrison added 13 stops.

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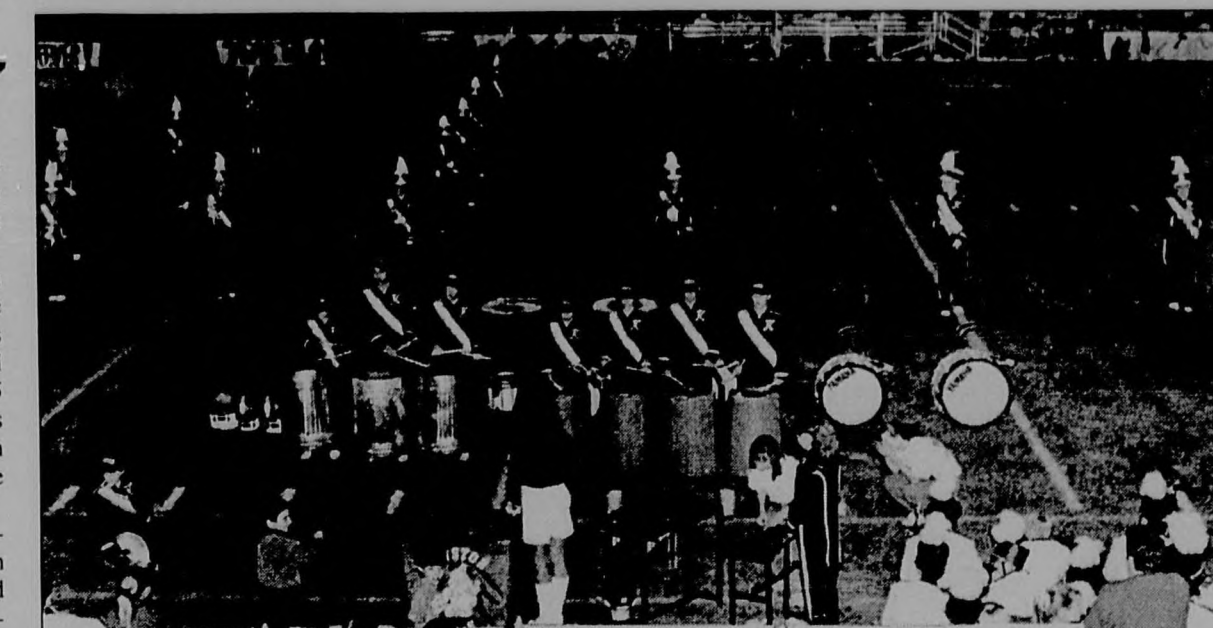
Kinston's Tim Whigham (20) is dragged down far from the sidelines by a Gamecock defender in last week's key Class 2A, Area 3 win by New Brockton.



New Brockton's Kellen Cole (12) applies the brakes as he nears the sidelines in the Gamecocks' 40-7 win over Kinston. Cole will lead the Gamecocks to Hartford Friday night for a match-up with the high-powered Geneva County Bulldogs.



Kinston's Ricky Morris (35) looks for running room in the Bulldogs' 40-7 loss to the New Brockton Gamecocks. Bulldog teammate Ryan Anderson (10) watches and waits to make a block during the run.



The Kinston Marching Bulldog Band's percussion section brought out everything but the kitchen sink Friday night during a very entertaining halftime show. The award winning Bulldog Band has performed at all Kinston Bulldog football games this season and has wowed audiences week in and week out with its outstanding performances.

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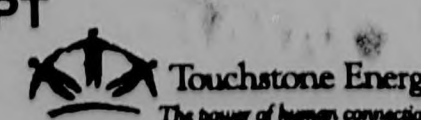
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## Section 1.

# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report NEW BROCKTON WATER & SEWER BOARD

**Section 2.**  
We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our wells draw from the Clayton Aquifer.

**Section 3.**  
I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

**Section 4.**  
If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Ken Fox, Superintendent, 894-5550. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you wish to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall of Town of New Brockton.

**Section 5.**  
New Brockton Water and Sewer Board routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 1998. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

## Section 6. Test Results Table

Contaminant	Volume	Level	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
1. Total Coliform Bacteria	N	<5	ppm	0	5	Presence of Coliform Bacteria in % of samples
2. Fecal Coliform Bacteria	N	<5	ppm	0	5	Presence of Fecal Coliform Bacteria in % of samples
3. Turbidity	N/A	1.0	NTU	0.1	1.0	Cloudiness of water
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>						
4. Inorganic Arsenic	ppm	0.05	ppm	0.05	0.05	Discharge from natural deposits
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<b>Inorganic Chemicals</b>						
6. Ammonia	ppm	0.5	ppm	0.5	0.5	Discharge from petroleum refineries, fire refineries, organic chemical, water
7. Arsenic	N	<10	ppm	N/A	10	Emission of natural deposits; runoff from orchards
8. Barium	ppm	2	ppm	2	2	Discharge from natural deposits
9. Beryllium	ppm	4	ppm	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
10. Cadmium	ppm	5	ppm	5	5	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
11. Chromium	ppm	100	ppm	100	100	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
12. Copper	ppm	1.3	ppm	1.3	1.3	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
13. Cyanide	ppm	200	ppm	200	200	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
14. Fluoride	ppm	4	ppm	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
15. Lead	ppm	0.05	ppm	0.05	0.05	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
16. Mercury (Inorganic)	ppm	0.001	ppm	0.001	0.001	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
17. Nitrate (As Nitrogen)	ppm	10	ppm	10	10	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
18. Nitrite (As Nitrogen)	ppm	1	ppm	1	1	Discharge from metal refineries and other facilities
<b>Synthetic Organic Chemicals including Pesticides and Herbicides</b>						
19. 2,4-D	ppm	70	ppm	70	70	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
20. 2,4,5-T (Silvex)	ppm	50	ppm	50	50	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
21. Atrazine	ppm	3	ppm	3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
22. Dieldrin	ppm	100	ppm	100	100	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
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**TREATMENT TECHNIQUE (TT).** A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL.** The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

**MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL.** The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

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## Red Cross offers "Lucky 13 Tricks" for a safer Halloween

As ghosts, pirates and princesses prepare to descend on neighborhoods across America on Halloween night, the American Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. "By following a few simple safety tips, parents can make this Halloween a safe and fun time for their little trick-or-treaters," said Connie Harvey, Red Cross health and safety expert. "Most Halloween injuries are preventable, if parents and children take some simple precautions," added Harvey.

The Red Cross today released the following "Lucky 13" safety tips for parents to share with their trick-or-treaters to prevent injuries at Halloween.

### Red Cross Halloween Safety Tips:

• Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.

• Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards and brooms, too!)

• Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.

• Cross the street only at corners.

• Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks and low-flying brooms.

• Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.

• Walk, slither and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.

• Carry a flashlight to light your way.

• Visit homes that have the porch light on.

• Keep away from open fires and candles. (Keep in mind that costumes can be extremely flammable.)

• Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.

• Be cautious of strangers and animals.

• Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

**20th Annual Alabama Fruit & Vegetables Growers Conference scheduled**

The 20th Annual Alabama Fruit & Vegetables Growers Conference has been scheduled for November 10-12, 1999 at the Holiday Inn South in Dothan. The conference provides the opportunity for growers and potential producers to learn the latest ideas and technologies for use in commercial fruit and vegetable production. In addition to cultural practices and management techniques this year's conference will emphasize marketing concepts and opportunities. Growers are encouraged to plan to attend both the Wednesday and Thursday sessions. A special session on drip irrigation and the use of plastic mulch is scheduled. This conference is considered to be one of the very best of its type in the country. This year's conference will also include a special farm tour segment on Friday. Numerous speakers from across the U.S. have been scheduled and this year's event promises to be one of the very best.

The registration desk will open at 8:30 a.m. with a discount offered to those who pre-register. Pre-registration forms and information are available at the Coffee County Extension Office in New Brockton.

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III - FIGHT CLUB (R)  
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Bargain Matinee Sat. & Sun.  
2 p.m. only - all seats - \$4

Section 17.  
Please call our office if you have questions. We at New Brockton Water and Sewer Board work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap, said Billy Tindal, Chairman. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Section 11.  
All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about

contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Section 12.  
MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Section 13.  
Total Coliform: The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulations, we have increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system.

Nitrates: As a precaution we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrates in the water supply.

Lead: Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

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Section 15.  
Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Section 16.  
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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## First Graders to receive book

Many of our local first graders will have a new favorite book very soon. My Favorite Book, a beautifully illustrated volume expressive of positive citizenship values, is being made available to certain local schools as a gift to first graders by local business leaders who are concerned about the future of our children.

With each distribution extra copies of the book are given to the school along with a professionally

narrated audio cassette of the book. A copy of the volume goes home with the child to become his or her very own. Along with the book, a Parent Guide is sent to every parent explaining the positive character traits covered in the book.

Without the support of local community leaders this program would not be possible. The schools involved are: the first grade of Elba Elementary School and New Brockton Elementary School.

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**VIP VISITOR** Last Sunday a recent visitor returned to Elba with his wife, Don Young, right was in Elba a couple of months ago during the filming of "the" commercial. This time he brought his wife to see the community and find out some details which he didn't have time to get during his working visit. Mr. Young lives in the Atlanta area and regularly does movies and commercials, as called on by the casting agency which represents him. Those who have seen "the" Budweiser Elba flood commercial on the tube during the past week will recognize Young as the man who says, "I could use a beer right about now." Shown with Young sitting on the bench and reliving the filming are Elba police officer John Nelson and two of his sons.

## Sen. Sessions supports farm disaster aid package

U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) announced his support of the \$8.7 billion agricultural disaster package that passed the Senate last week. This legislation, the annual Agriculture Appropriations bill, contains important relief for Alabama farmers who are suffering from drought, low yields, and low prices. Drought relief in this bill increased from \$500 million to \$1.2 billion in recent days. Funding was also included for the Auburn Research Center's (ARC) Food Safety Program. This program will receive \$525,000 to continue development of a revolutionary system of inspection that involves the placement of a sensor chip of food items. These chips will automatically inventory

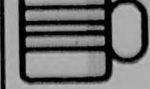
and assess the safety of food products. More than 90% of food-borne illnesses can be attributed to bacteria. The ARC chips will target the bacteria that causes most of these illnesses.

"During my recent tour of farms in north Alabama, I saw how devast-

tating this drought has been to Alabama farmers," Sessions said. "What I saw makes me believe that the increase in drought relief was necessary. Not only is the yield down, but so is the quality. Add to this the low prices we're seeing, and you've got a crisis."

## Coffee on the Keyboard

Basic Computer Tips and Ideas for RAW Beginners



by Kendra Coffee  
Editor Opening Page



### REGULAR MAINTENANCE WITH SCANDISK

Would you let your car go more than 5,000 miles without an oil change? Probably not. And you shouldn't let your system go more than a month without disk maintenance. All you have to do is to click your mouse 7 times and it will do the maintenance itself. I am going to show you where to do those 7 clicks.

On a regular basis, remind yourself at the beginning of each new month, use ScanDisk to check your hard disk for errors. It will also fix them (usually). Also use Disk Defragmenter to reformat the data that's scattered all over your system.

Together, these routines can help ensure that your system is running much faster. To run ScanDisk, click Start, click Programs, click Accessories, click System Tools, click ScanDisk.

Click the drive you want to scan, then click Standard or thorough. (Standard checks the files and folders on your hard disk. Thorough does that AND checks the drive itself for damaged or unusable areas.) Assuming you aren't an expert at fixing drive errors, make sure "Automatically Fix Errors" is selected, then click OK. When ScanDisk finishes (it can take quite a while—especially the Thorough check), you'll see a dialog box detailing the results. But it will work while you go out to lunch and probably be there patiently blinking at you when you return.

In another tip, we'll discuss the second part of your monthly maintenance routine, Disk Defragmenter. (You should run ScanDisk before you run Disk Defragmenter, because you can't defragment a disk with errors on it.)

Kendra Coffee is editor of the Internet portal site Opening Page, www.openingpage.com. University Research Inc.

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## ZC's Fall Festival set for Oct. 28th

Zion Chapel Elementary School in Jack, Ala., will have its annual Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 5-7 p.m. on the school grounds. The King/Queen of the Harvest Festival will be announced at 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Zion Chapel Elementary School.

## Korean War history magazine available

A special issue of the award-winning American history magazine COBBLESTONE on the Korean War is now available. Created in partnership with the Korean War Commemoration Committee, this 52-page, full-color booklet tells young readers about the history of this little-known but important war. Historic photos from the National Archives and well-researched colorful illustrations combine to complement the articles. The issue is designed to commemorate the men and women who served in the war. Included are:

Articles describing the years and events that immediately preceded the war and the events of the Korean War itself.

A map of Korea and a world map highlighting the many nations that participated in this international war.

A picture essay of the world leaders who played key roles in the war.

A crossword puzzle and code-breaking puzzle.

Various articles on history-making elements of the war, including humanitarian relief efforts, the role of women, and the integration of the armed forces.

The Commemoration Committee has developed a variety of educational materials for use in the classroom. Schools may order these materials free of charge by writing to the Commemoration Committee.

This special edition of COBBLESTONE may be purchased by individuals from Cobblestone Publishing Company (ISBN 0382445325, \$4.95 each plus shipping and handling, call 800-821-0115).

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Louisville Ladder Group LLC, of Louisville, Ky., is recalling about 10,700 RIDGID® brand stepladders. Some ladders have steps that are too short and are in proper

ly attached to the ladder. The step can detach from the ladder, causing a consumer to fall.

Louisville Ladder has received one report of a ladder's step detaching from the ladder. No injuries have been reported.

The ladders being recalled are fiberglass Type 1A stepladders in lengths of 6 feet (model R-3011-06), 8 feet (model R-3011-08) and 10 feet (model R-3011-10). The ladders have a red plastic top and gray railings. The brand name RIDGID appears on the plastic top and on the sides of the railings. The recalled ladders have manufacture dates listed as April 1999, May 1999, June 1999 and July 1999.

The model number and manufacture date are on a white label on the side of the ladder.

Home Depot stores nationwide

May 1999 through July 1999 for between \$119 and \$223.

Consumers should inspect their ladders to determine if there is a short step that is improperly attached. If so, consumers should stop using the recalled ladders immediately and call Louisville Ladder toll-free at (888) 318-7911 anytime or access their web site at www.ridgidladder.com/notice.htm.

The company will help consumers determine if the steps are attached properly. If the steps are not attached properly, they should return the ladders to the nearest Home Depot store for an exchange or refund of the purchase price.

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